GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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BASIC AMENITIES TO TRAVELLERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is committed to provide basic amenities to travellers in Second Class Sleeper coaches;

(b) if so, whether all North East bound express/mail trains are overcrowded insecond class sleeper coaches much beyond its capacity;

(c) whether the TTEs in order to show more revenue collection in their account, permit travellers without confirmed reservation in second class sleeper coaches by realising the difference between general coach and sleeper coach; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to prevent overcrowding in sleeper coaches on North East bound mail/express trains and also against the corrupt TTEs involved in such activities.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During peak rush periods, sometimes, some of the Northeast bound trains get overcrowded.

(c): Passengers with ordinary second class tickets are not allowed to travel in Sleeper Class coaches. As such, the Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) charge them as per rules.

(d): Instructions exist for detraining unauthorised persons from Sleeper Class coaches. Special checks are also conducted and defaulters are dealt with as per provisions of the Railways Act. In addition, during peak rush periods, special trains are run and coaches augmented in the existing trains. Railway staff, found abetting irregular travel, are taken up under the Disciplinary rules.